

So much for imposing on the miner as a man. Now consider his wrongs as a citizen. In the Paint and Cabin Creek district tens of thousands of acres are company property. Sixty-five per cent of the school houses are owned by coal corporations.

Years ago public donation built Mucklow church. Above it is Redmen's Hall, a public forum. When this strike came the superintendent of the Paint Creek Consolidated Coal Co. denied miners their right of free assembly, declaring that although they owned the hall, the company owned the church ground beneath.

Nor would the corporation allow strikers to meet in the school, claiming that it stood on corporation land distant from county roads and without right of way.

Free speech and free press are interlocking. The coal corporations prohibit the sale of the Cincinnati POST on Paint Creek. Newsboys may sell only capitalist papers.

A system of election is a test of Republican principals. In the zone of the mine war elections are held in company buildings, the election officers being invariably corporation clerks.

Last election there was a lack of clerks consequent on the strike. The shut down allowed the miners to force in two election officers. But when 30 registered voters marched from Holly Grove they found the polls barred from them by ten armed mine guards. The protest of a deputy sheriff was necessary to relieve strikers of necessity of voting under a gun.

Before that election local justices were company men. One such presiding in a mine case set aside a jury verdict three times to secure judgment for the corporation.

Everything in the mine valleys is appraised and safeguarded except the lives, liberty and happiness of the miners. Americans for generations—sons of revolutionary stock—they

are worse off than their ancestors under the British!

Whatever the case of the coal corporations may prove against the strikers; this much is clear:

The Paint and Cabin Creek miners are fighting for political freedom!

#### WANT SALE OF BICHLORIDE OF MERCURY RESTRICTED

Physicians today prepared to demand that the city health department take drastic action to place restrictions on the sale of bichloride of mercury tablets.

Two young girls have died within twenty-four hours after swallowing the drug and a third was rushed to the county hospital early today with a chance of recovery.

Medical men fear an epidemic of suicides by bichloride because of the wide publicity given the case of B. Sanders Walker, the Macon, Ga., banker, who took the tablets by mistake, and died in a week.

Lizzie Silverman, the 18-year-old garment worker, whose case was an almost exact parallel to that of Walker, died yesterday at the University Hospital, after a five-day fight for life. She took the poison in the belief that she was taking toothache medicine. The girl was conscious until the moment of death and was confident she would recover.

Within an hour after the Silverman girl died, Ruby Dale Musselman, 20, swallowed twenty-four bichloride tablets with suicidal intent, and died before a physician could be summoned. She was despondent over losing her position.

The third victim, Mrs. Mamie Henning, 21, 1433 Fulton street, swallowed bichloride tablets in the presence of her husband, following a quarrel. She was hurried to the county hospital and will probably recover. The young wife quarreled with her husband because he went to a show with another girl. She repented her act immediately and begged physicians to save her life.